

How will electrification impact our grids?

Georeferenced Methodology for Urban Impact Assessment.

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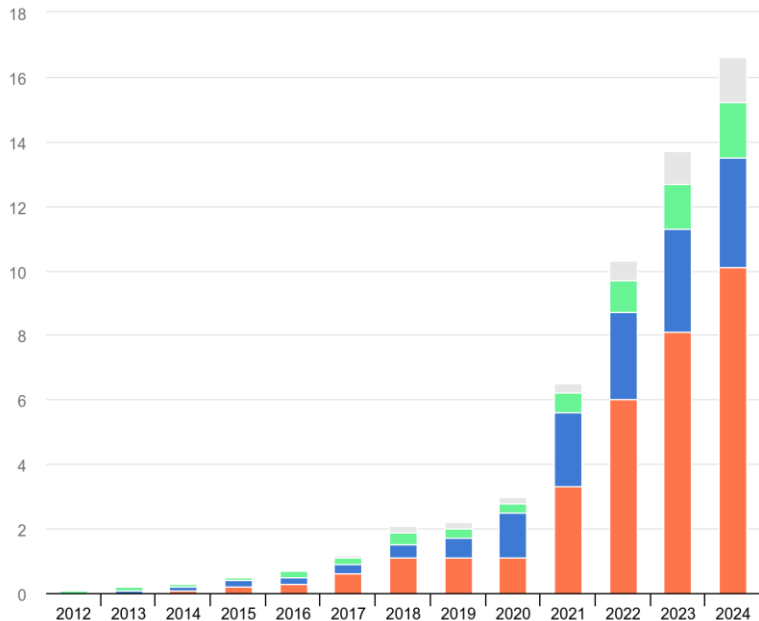
Need for decarbonization

- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- Transformations in urban environments and energy consumption



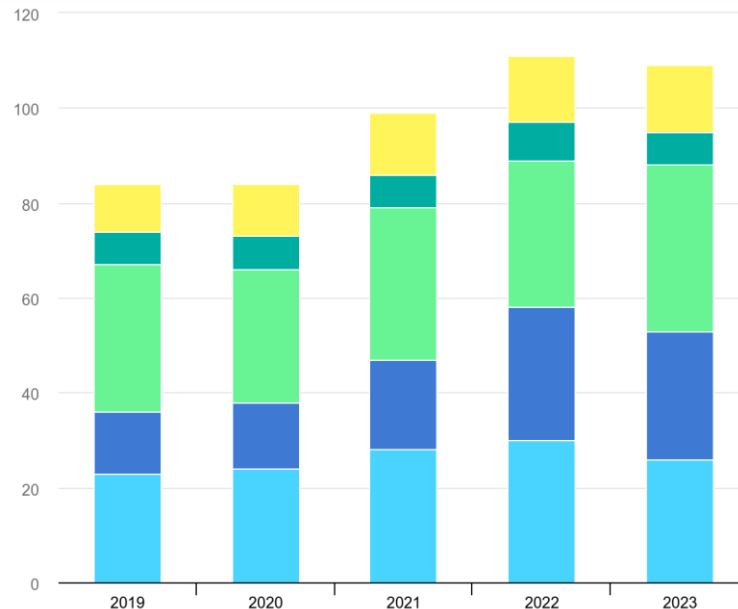
Electric vehicles and
heat pumps will play a
key role in the
decarbonization of the
urban environment





EV sales evolution

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Heat pump sales evolution

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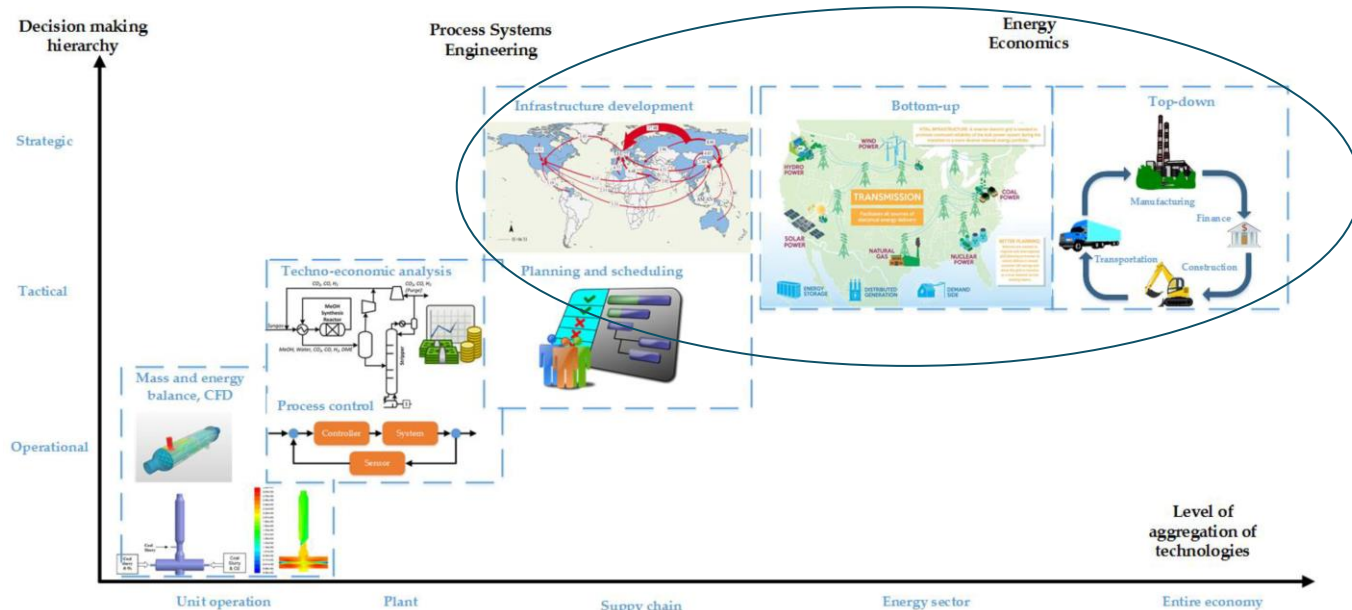
Our electricity
infrastructure
must be ready
to
accommodate
transition



High complexity transition

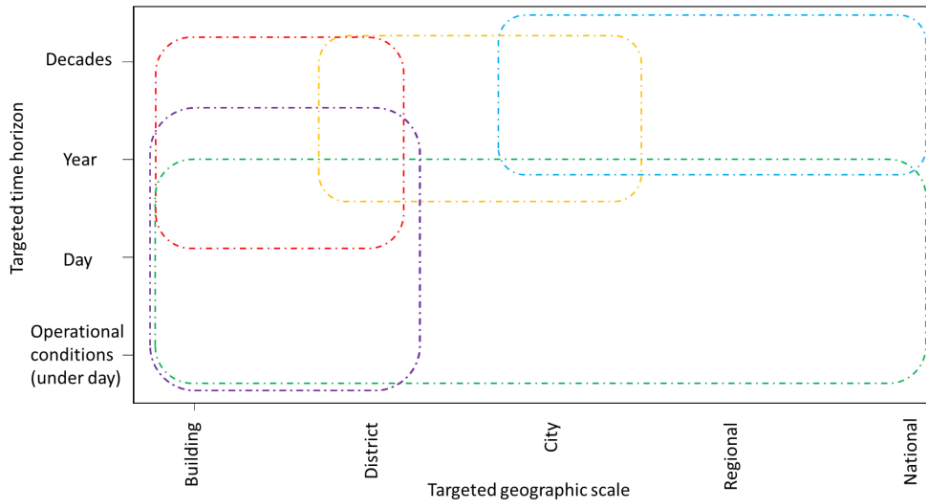
Energy Systems Modelling :

- Simulation and analysis of complex systems
- Long-term planning and design

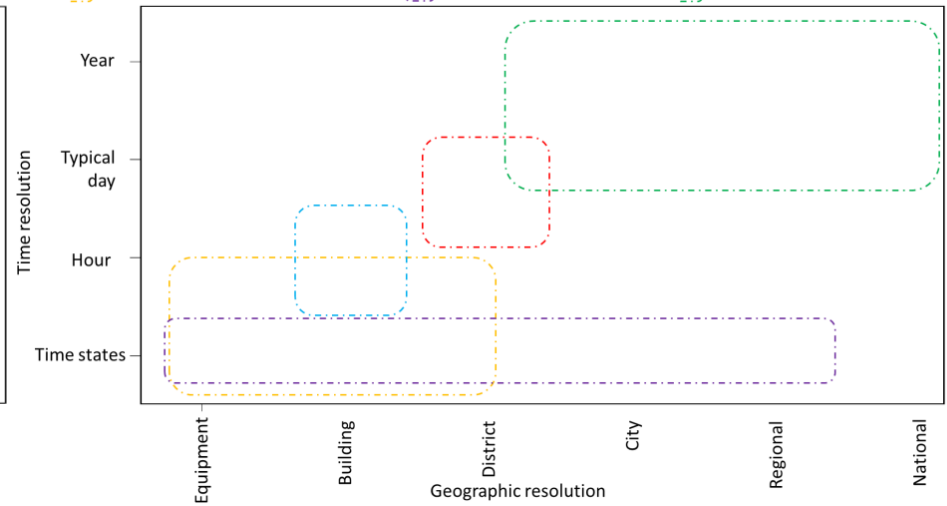


Clear need for planning ahead

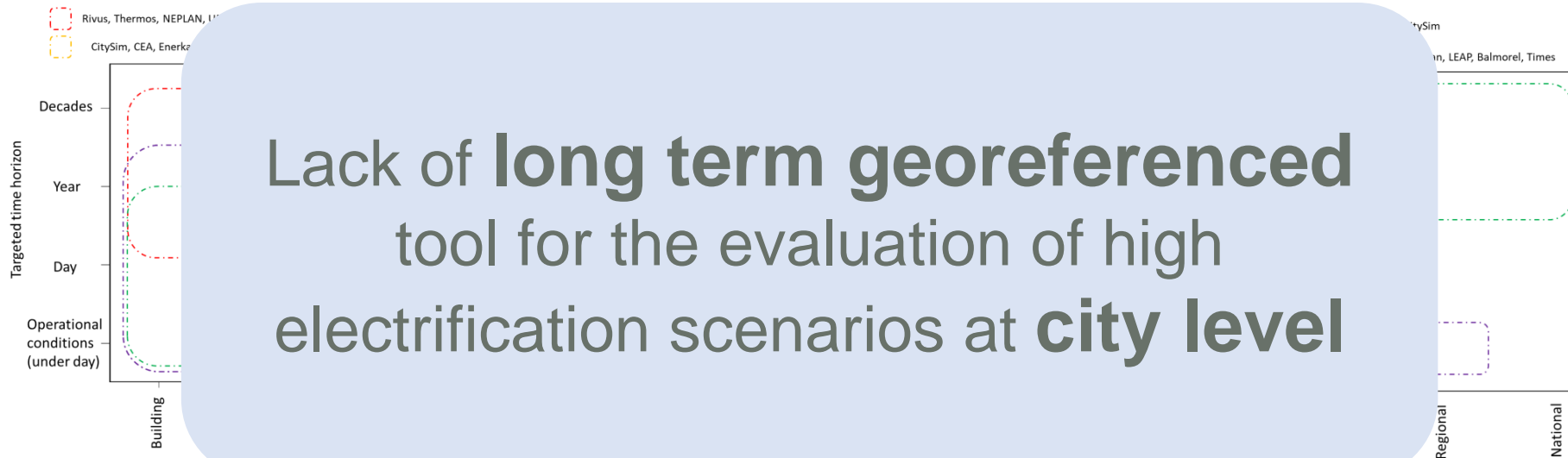
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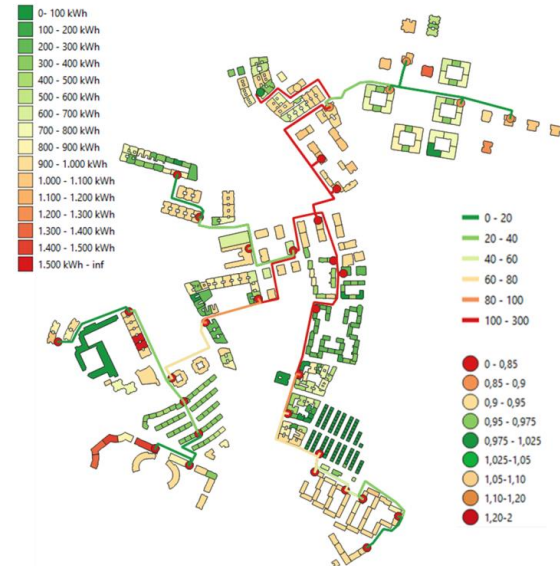
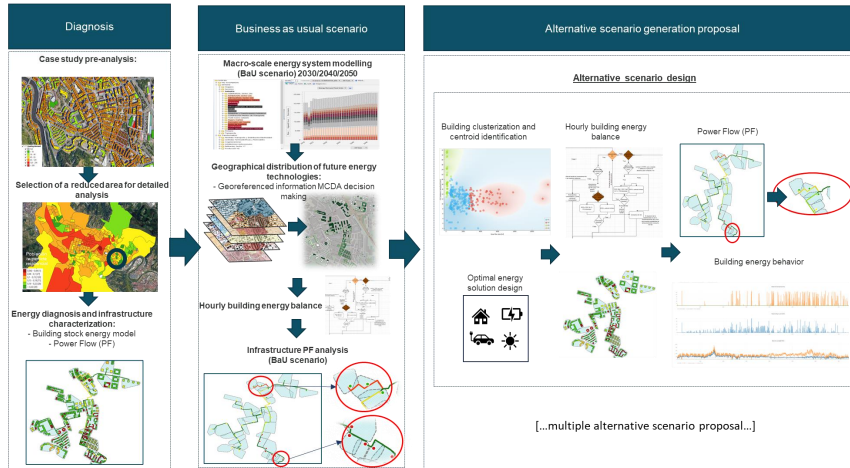
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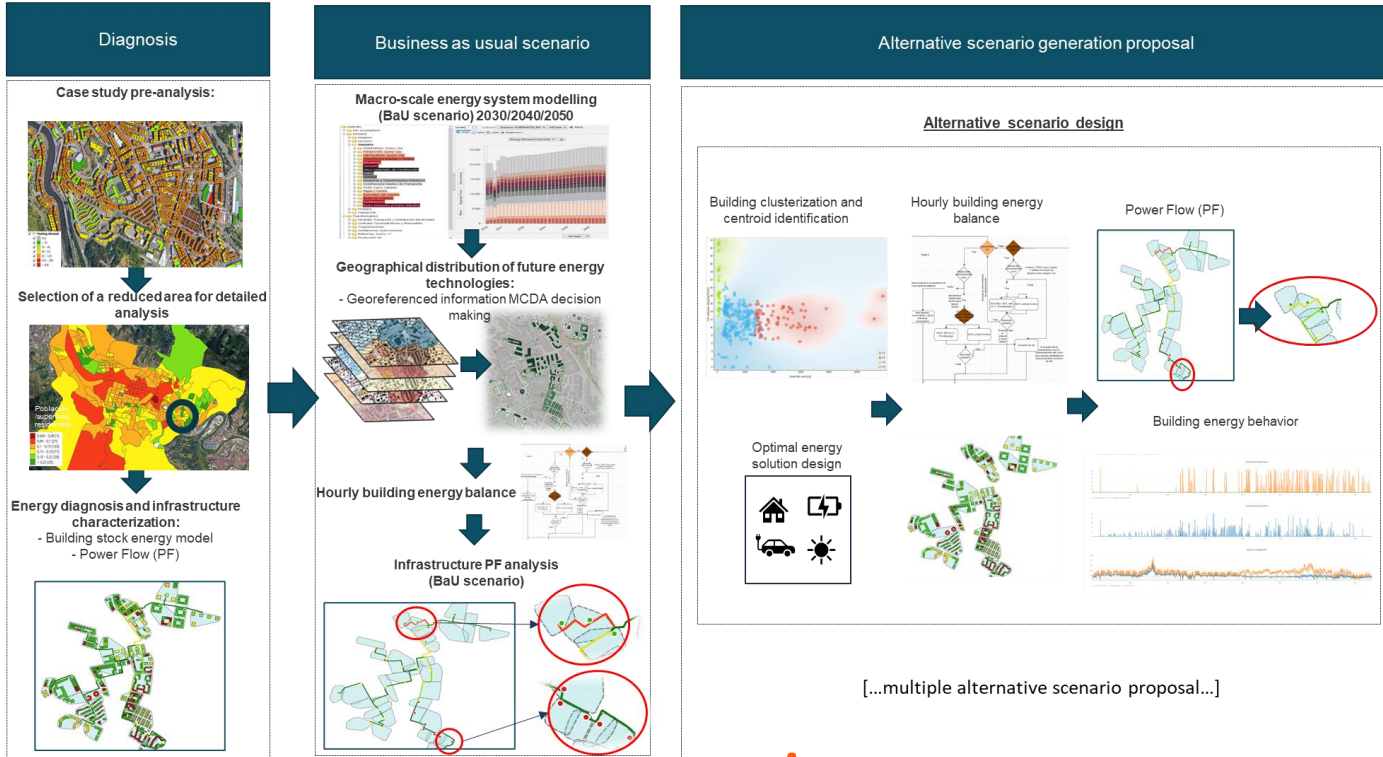
Research objective

Development of methodology for the geo-referenced assessment of high electrification scenarios

Demonstration of the methodology through a case study



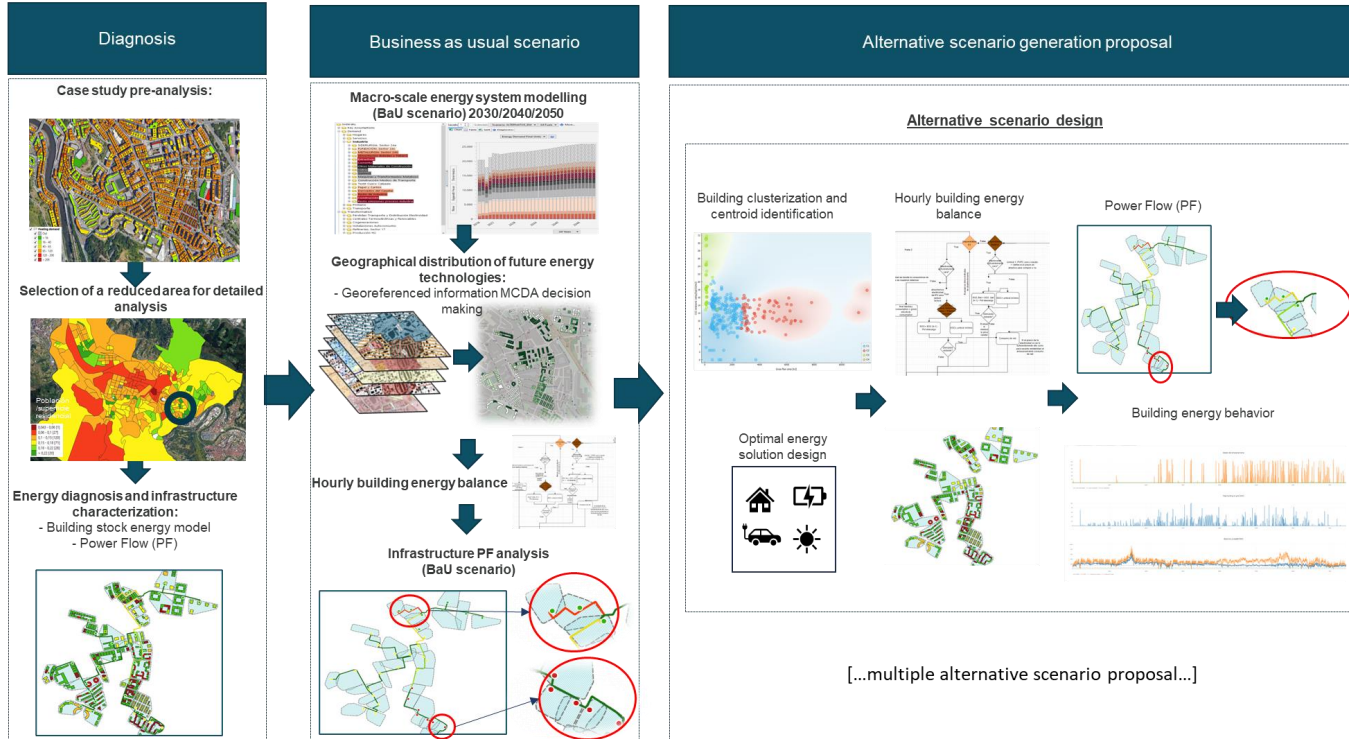
Overall methodology



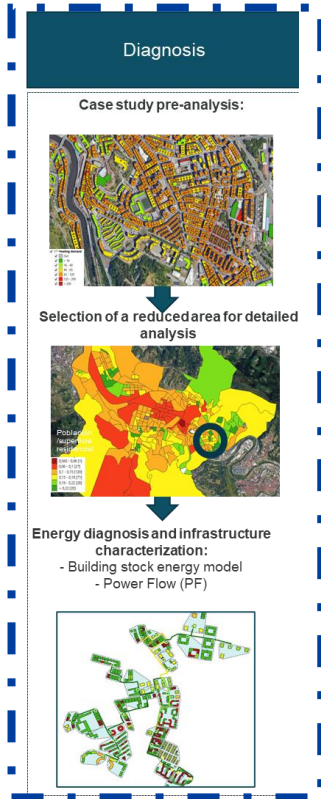
Modelling techniques used

1. Building stock energy model
2. City energy strategy integrated model
3. Georeferenced multi criteria decision making
 4. Power flow calculation
5. Representative building characterization
6. Building energy system design optimization
 7. Hourly balance calculation

Methodology workflow



Methodology workflow



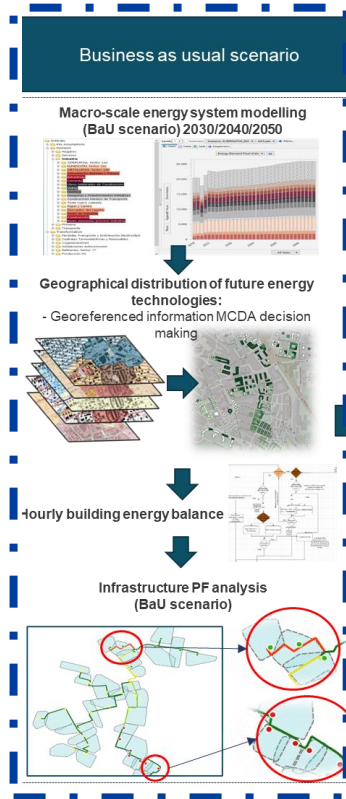
Diagnosis:

Represents the current status of the case study

Steps:

1. Case-study comprehension and pre-analysis
2. Selection of a reduced area for detailed analysis
3. Building stock energy model
4. Energy balance calculation
5. Power Flow Calculation

Methodology workflow



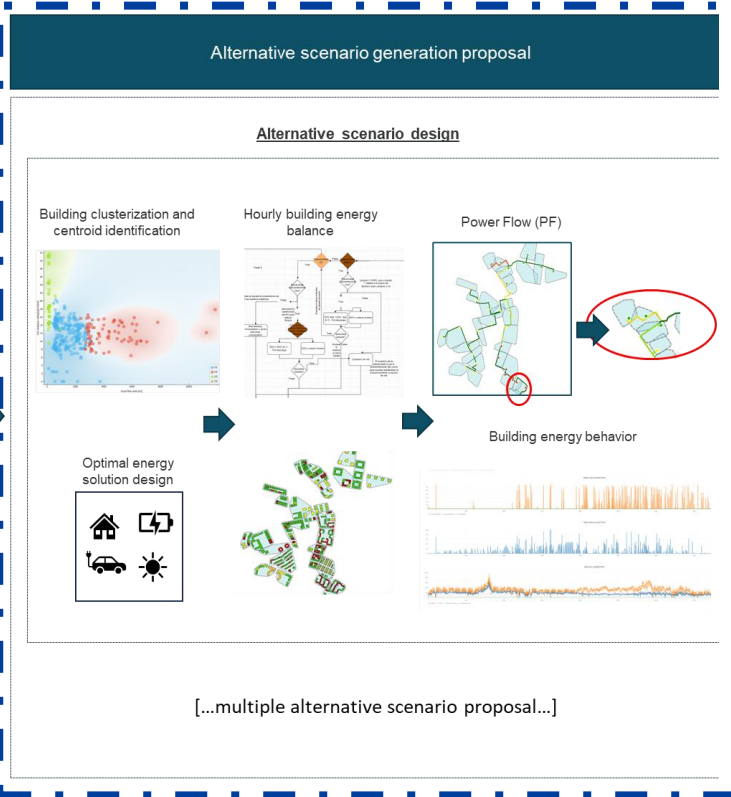
Business as Usual:

Represents where we are going
Serves as a reference framework

Steps:

1. City energy strategy integrated model
2. Georeferenced multi criteria decision making
3. Energy balance calculation
4. Power Flow Calculation

Methodology workflow



Alternative scenario proposal:
Represents where can we go if we make changes

Steps:

1. Representative building characterization
2. Building energy system design optimization
3. Energy balance calculation
4. Power Flow Calculation

Case study: Bilbao

Selected area:

Bilbao's residential neighborhood

Main selection criteria: data availability

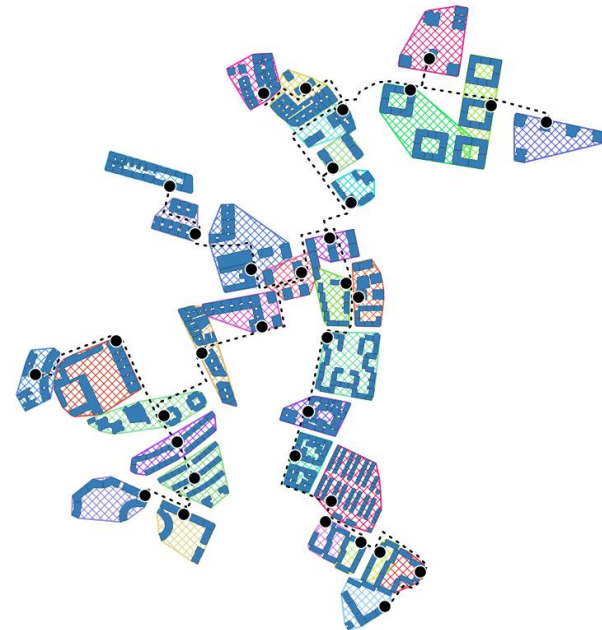
Main building use	No data	Construction period				Total
		Pre-1944	1945-1969	1970-1979	1980-2006	
No data	3					3
Commercial		1				1
Education				2	1	3
Hotel		1				1
House		100	1			101
Office			1		1	2
Apartment buildings		11	206	71	56	344
Sport facilities					1	1
Total	3	113	208	73	59	456



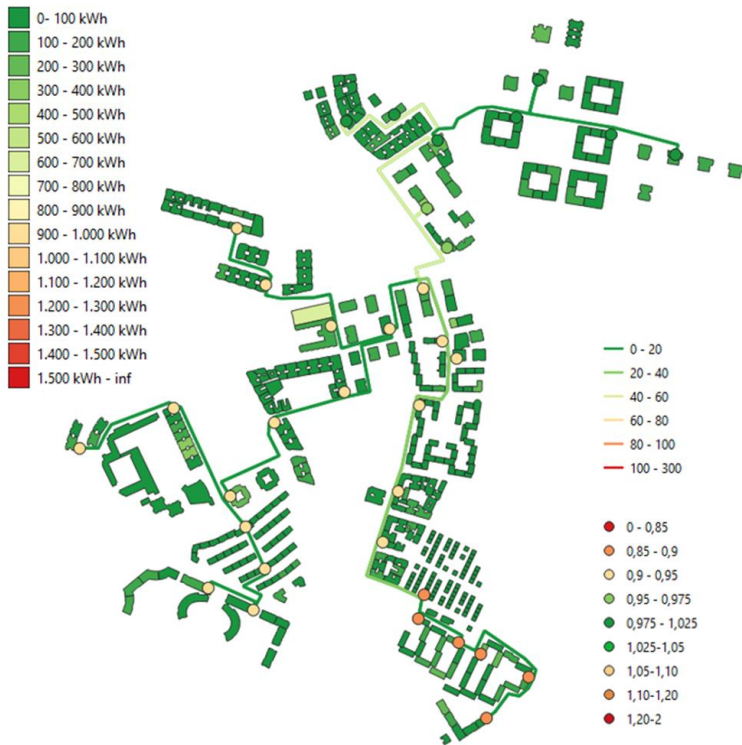
Mainly natural gas

Electricity consumption [GWh]	Heating consumption [GWh]	DHW consumption [GWh]	Cooling consumption [GWh]
26,8	23,4	12,9	0

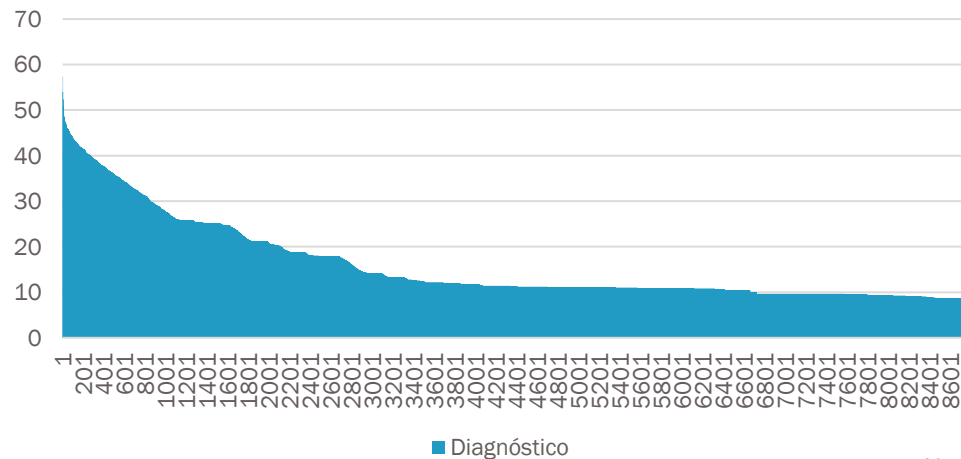
Synthetic network build due to lack of data availability:
modified IEEE 34-bus



Diagnosis



	Diagnosis
Maximum line loading (%)	57,35
Average line loading (%)	0,874

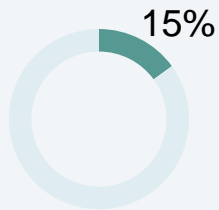


Scenario proposal

Business as usual:

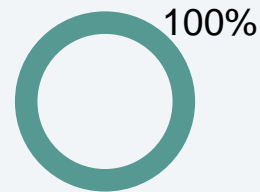
National Energy
Plan 2030

Electric vehicle

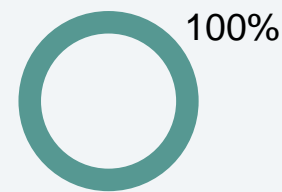


Net zero 2050
through
electrification

Electric heating



Electric heating



Scenario proposal

Alternative scenario

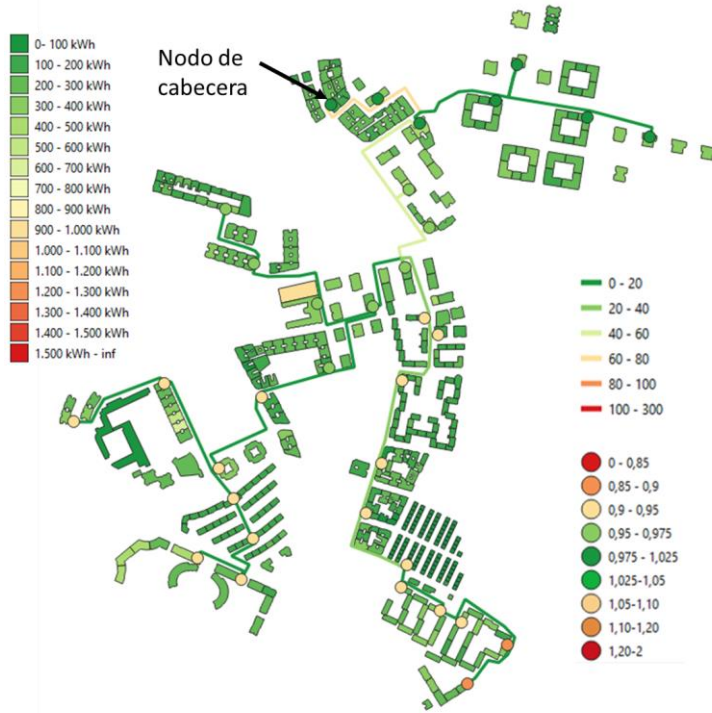
Net zero 2050
No Batteries

- 100% EV → night charge
- Heating through HP
- PV generation

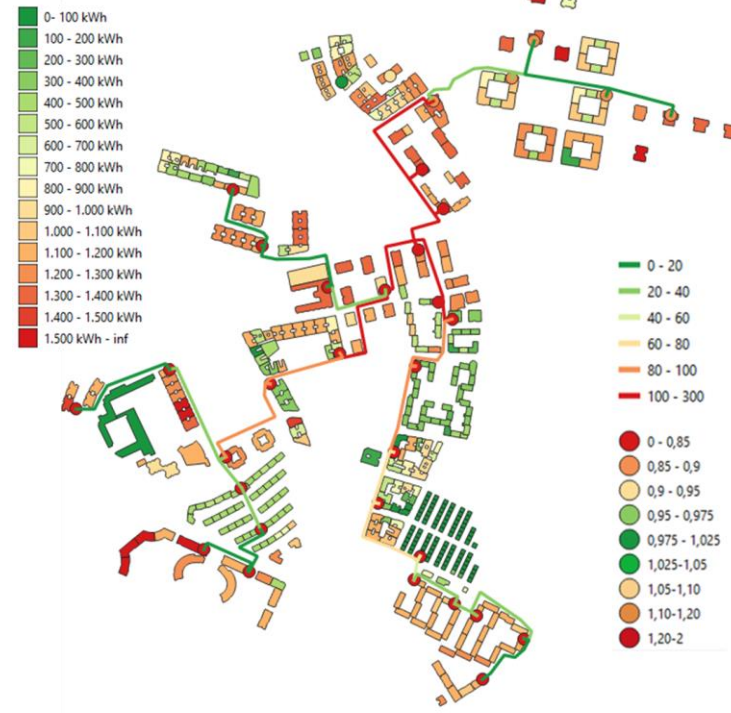
Net zero 2050
Batteries

- 100% EV → night charge
- Heating through HP
- PV generation
- Optimized battery
(optimization criteria:
minimize electricity bill)

Scenario results

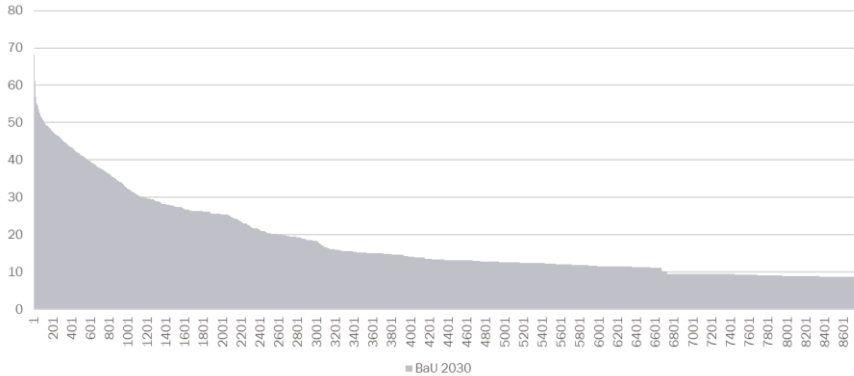


2030

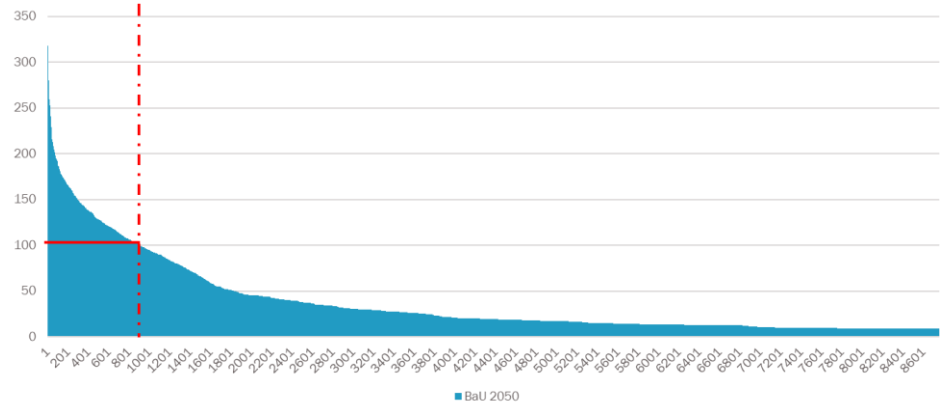


2050

Scenario results

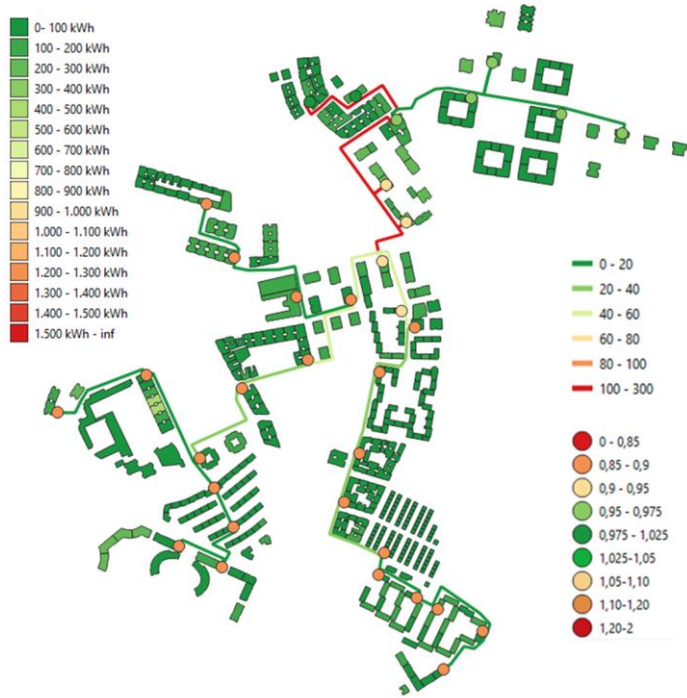


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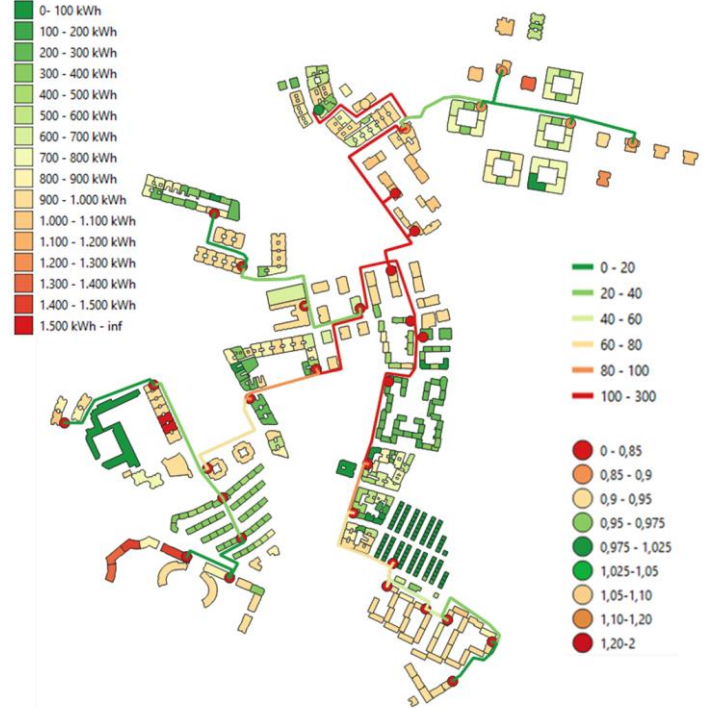


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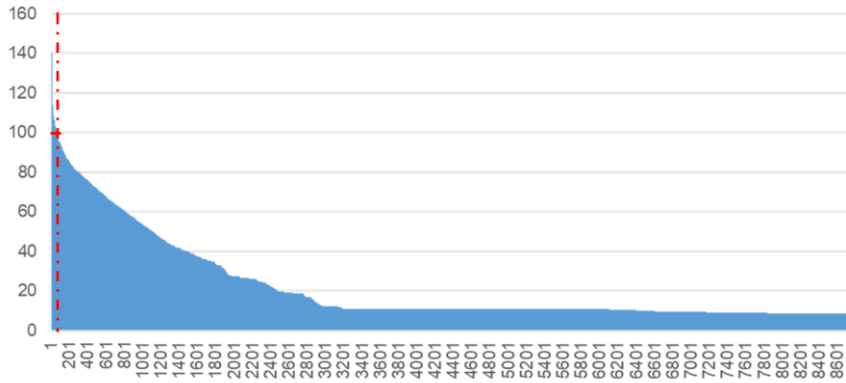


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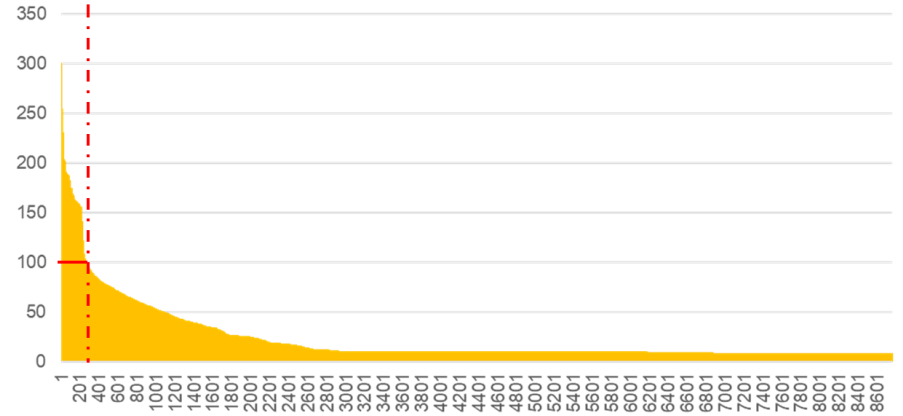


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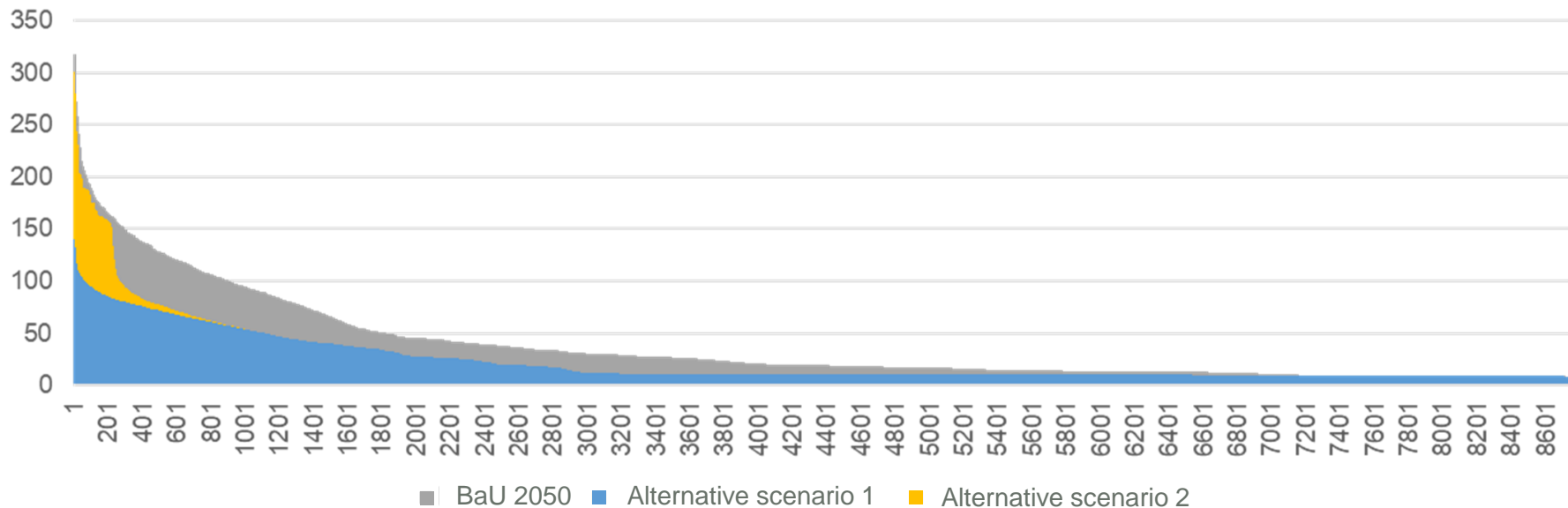
Scenario results



2030



2050



	BaU 2050	Alternative scenario 1	Alternative scenario 2
Grid electricity consumption	59,7GWh	28,8 GWh	30,2 GWh
Percentage compared to base year	223%	107%	113%

Main conclusions

- Alternative scenarios: successfully reduce grid load
- Essential elements for climate neutrality:
 - Heat pump → high efficiency levels
 - Incentives for vehicle charging during off-peak hours
- Self-managed batteries: new challenge for the grid
 - Need for regulation that takes prosumers and operators into account

Main conclusions

- In the short term (2030), electrification of mobility is **manageable** for the grid infrastructure.
- In the long term (2050), full electrification could **overload the grid**, with consumption exceeding 300% of capacity.
- Adapting regulatory and incentive schemes for flexibility systems is a major challenge

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Review of georeferenced energy planning tools and methods for the assessment of decarbonization scenarios (1)

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Methodology for the geo-referenced urban-scale assessment of high electrification scenarios (2)

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